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RELATED TO ITEM #14:

Consulate issued cards provide an open door to criminals. The limited background checks conducted are not shared with our criminal databases or terrorist watch lists. Meanwhile, cardholders are able to travel on airplanes, open bank accounts and assume new identities. Acceptance of these cards encourages illegal immigration which constitutes de facto amnesty for illegals.

Furthermore, these cards open opportunities for obtaining additional identification cards and threaten our domestic security while undermining the general welfare of the citizens of this nation. Federal authorities have concluded that these cards are not reliable sources of identification. In a 2003 testimony before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, officials from the FBI stated that "the Mexican Consular can be a perfect breeder document for establishing a false identity."

The CAO's board letter and report suggest that the previously issued cards by the Mexican Consulate, which are also the cards predominantly in circulation today, are being accepted by County staff. These cards do not expire until early 2007 and are easily counterfeited. Without solicitation, a member of the public obtained a Matricula Consular card using my photograph, name and business address on three separate occasions. While the counterfeit card greatly resembles the genuine cards issued by the Mexican Consulate, there are some differences even among the genuine cards issued by the Consulate such as the color, the type and size of the lettering and the signature block on the back of the card.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors vote to rescind their acceptance of Foreign Consulate Identification Cards.

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Matricula Consular Card 2-8-05